



Arlington Disability Commission Retreat Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

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Attendees: Commissioners Cynthia DeAngelis, Darcy Devney (Chair), Kerrie Fallon, Karen Mathiasen, Liza Molina, Paul Parravano, Michael Rademacher (Public Works Director), Paul Raia

Guests: Jillian Harvey (Director of DEI), Christina Coleman (DEI Administrative Assistant), Grace Carpenter (volunteer), Janice Cagan-Teuber (resident), Ellen Leigh (volunteer, advocate)

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:02 pm by Devney

1. Call to Order- Read Ground Rules, Welcome
2. Vote on Vaccine Letter

- a. Roll call vote, all voted yes, passed unanimously.
- 3. Ice Breakers
 - a. Commissioners, volunteers, and staff discussed why they joined the Disability Commission and what they hope to achieve as a member of the Disability Commission.
- 4. Goals & Priorities
 - a. Outreach to Town Officials & Committees
 - i. Raia – lack of representation of people with disabilities on elected offices and administrative offices in the Town of Arlington; Parravano – discussed partnering with Town leadership to send a Town representative to attend monthly meeting
 - ii. Distribute training materials to Town Officials
 - iii. Build relationships with other commissions in town by attending monthly meeting and joining their email lists
 - b. Accessibility to Transportation
 - i. Draft motion for Warrant Article 47, establishing requirements for Off-Street HP Parking
 - ii. Draft motion for Warrant Article 48, ADA/MAAB Standards in Admin & Enforcement
 - iii. Attend ARB meeting on March 29th
 - iv. Attend Precinct meetings as necessary
 - v. Attend Town meeting
 - c. Prep for Disasters
 - i. Deadline set for 10/31/2021
 - ii. Explore Mass Office of Disabilities for emergency preparedness resources
 - iii. Work with NE Med Response Corp, Arlington Council on Aging and Mental Health Crisis Team to plan and schedule Emergency Preparedness Training.
- 5. Establish Working Groups
 - a. Finance & Administration – Cagan-Teuber, DeAngelis, Parravano, Rademacher
 - b. Business – DeAngelis, Leigh, Mathiasen, Rademacher
 - c. Planning including Housing – Cagan-Teuber, Devney, Rademacher, Raia
 - d. Children and Education – Carpenter, DeAngelis, Fallon, Raia
 - e. Communication & Arts – Carpenter, Devney, Molina, Raia
 - f. Diversity & Safety – Cagan-Teuber, Fallon, Leigh
 - g. Health & Seniors – Fallon, Mathiasen, Molina, Raia
 - h. Transportation – Carpenter, Devney, Parravano
- 6. DEI Update

- a. Tabled
- 7. Closing
 - a. Raia – closed with an inspirational statement

Rademacher motioned to adjourn meeting, Raia seconded, all in favor: Meeting adjourned at 5:46pm

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